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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Shoichiro YASUNAMI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/791,559

Group Art Unit: 1752

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Examiner: Hoa Van Le

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For: POSITIVE WORKING RESIST COMPOSITION

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

As an initial matter, the undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended at the interview held June 21, 2006.

At the interview, counsel explained in detail why Applicants believe that the present claims are patentable over the art, that is, Uenishi et al '080 and Ishihara et al '434. Counsel's explanation was based on the Remarks accompanying the Response Under 37 CFR 1.114(c) filed June 13, 2006. Counsel and the Examiner discussed Mr. Nishiyama's Declaration filed June 13, 2006 in detail, as well as Mr. Yasunami's Declaration filed November 17, 2005.

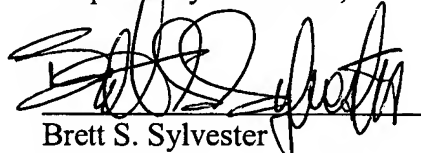
As reflected in the Examiner's Interview Summary, the Examiner at the interview agreed to withdraw the section 102(b) anticipation rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-11 based on Uenishi et al '080.

Statement of Substance of Interview
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As also reflected in the Summary, the Examiner agreed to reconsider the section 103 rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-11 based on Uenishi et al in view of Ishihara et al and the section 102(a) rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-11 based on Ishihara et al alone.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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